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CONNORS et al.

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**IN THE TITLE:**

Replace the title with:

SEPARATION ELEMENTS

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 9 with:

In accordance with one aspect, the present invention is directed to a separation element for removing one or more components from a fluid flowing through the separation element. The separation element comprises two or more hollow pack sections, joiner caps, and first and second end caps. Each hollow pack section includes a plurality of pleats, a retainer, first and second ends, and a porous medium. The plurality of pleats have roots, crowns, legs extending between the roots and the crowns, an inner periphery at the roots defining a upstream side, and an outer periphery at the crowns defining a downstream side. The height of each pleat greater than  $(D-d)/2$ , where D is the outer diameter at the

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